

2020 NSW funding for non-government schools

The NSW Government is implementing 'Gonski' needs-based, sector-blind funding model to all NSW schools, including non-government schools. The Government will fund all non-government schools consistently to ensure they have the resources they need.

NSW funding arrangements for non-government schools

Consistent with the changes introduced in 2019, NSW is continuing the transition to fund non-government schools at 20% of their Schooling Resource Standard (SRS) by 2029.

Schools funded below 20% of their SRS will transition up to 20% of SRS by 2023, while schools funded above 20% of their SRS will transition down to 20% of SRS by 2029.

New schools will be funded at 100% of their SRS (80% from the Commonwealth and 20% from the NSW Government).

2020 SRS Funding

Schools are funded under a single system, with payments by the NSW and Commonwealth Governments made according to the SRS.

The Commonwealth determines a school's SRS and changes made by the Commonwealth to a school's SRS would flow on through to NSW SRS funding.

Further information is available on the [Commonwealth's Department of Education, Skills and Employment website](#).

Commonwealth updates in 2020

The Commonwealth has recently advised schools of their interim 2020 capacity to contribute (CTC) score.

Further information is available on the [Commonwealth's Department of Education, Skills and Employment website](#).

NSW updates in 2020

The Commonwealth updates to CTC scores means that some schools may be eligible for an interim NSW SRS payment in 2020.

Schools that receive updated Commonwealth SRS funding may not necessarily receive an interim NSW SRS payment.

Payment Schedule

In 2020, schools will receive NSW Funding as per the following schedule:

Month	February	August	November
% of SRS entitlement	50%	25%	25%

NSW updates in 2020

To ensure schools with updated NSW SRS funding have received 50% of their annual entitlement, eligible schools will receive an interim payment. This payment is expected to be made at the end of May 2020.

Transition support

In 2020, the NSW Government will provide transition support to help schools to adjust to the new funding arrangements through the new Low Growth Low SES Fund and the Special Fund.*

2020 Low Growth Low SES Fund

In 2020, schools with low SES (SES score less than 100) and low growth in their NSW funding (less than 0%) will be eligible for the Low Growth Low SES Fund.

Eligible schools will receive at least their 2019 NSW funding level in 2020. Further information will be provided to eligible schools.

NSW updates in 2020

The Commonwealth updates to CTC scores may also mean that a school's transition support could be amended. Further information will be provided to these schools.

Special Fund

In 2020, the Special Fund will continue to provide support to eligible special schools. This will ensure eligible special schools receive a minimum of its 2018 funding levels indexed at 2.5% per annum over four years (2019-2022).

*Schools may also be eligible for assistance from the Commonwealth via the [Choice and Affordability Fund](#).